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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROJECT PREPARING A PROCUREMENT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Carl J. Lanuti, declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor in the above-identified patent application. As an inventor, I am thoroughly familiar with the subject matter of described and claimed in conjunction with the patent application of the present invention.

2. I have been employed by International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) since December 1980, and in the position of Project Manager since approximately 1990.

3. During a period of time preceding 1999, IBM performed an evaluation of the general procurement and accounts payable (GP/AP) systems of United Technologies Corporation (UTC).

4. In light of the experience and knowledge gained from the evaluation performed as stated in Paragraph 3, I and the other named inventors in the above-indicated patent application invented a novel system and method constituting the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

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5. IBM paid MAS Consultants over \$500,000 to develop a software package during the period of approximately February 1999 - September 1999, wherein said software package implements the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified patent application, and wherein said software package includes program code comprising:

maintaining a playbook database comprising a plurality of templates of information relating to the designing, implementing, and using a GP/AP system, such that the plurality of templates is particularized for a customer;

displaying a playbook summary view, which is similar to FIG. 4 and accompanying description in the above-identified patent application;

displaying a summary task template, which is similar to FIG. 5 and accompanying description in the above-identified patent application; and

displaying a detailed task template, which is similar to FIG. 6 and accompanying description in the above-identified patent application.

6. On November 22, 1999, IBM filed the above-identified patent application, following completion of the software package developed by MAS Consultants as described in Paragraph 5.

7. IBM has maintained said software package through the current date and intends to continue to maintain said software package into the future, and has no present intent to discontinue maintenance of said software package.

8. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such

willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 12-04-2003

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